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In re Application

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Title: PREPARING A JOB FOR EXECUTION  
BY A BATCH JOB EXECUTION  
SYSTEM

PATENT APPLICATION

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Examiner: Li B. Zhen

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**REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION UNDER C.F.R. §1.111**

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

This Reply is in response to the Office Action dated September 18, 2008. A Petition for Extension of Time and the required fee accompany this Reply.

**Claims** appear in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 8 of this paper.